

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency in response to the threat posed by weapons of mass destruction; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-45).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Elizabeth Anne Moler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert Charles Chambers, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Christopher Droney, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Janet C. Hall, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Katharine Sweeney Hayden, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Army.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total-97)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, June 9, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5385.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SCHOOL LUNCH SAFETY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues with regard to the recent outbreak of Hepatitis A as a result of the consumption of contaminated frozen

strawberries in school lunches in the State of Michigan, and the Department of Agriculture response, after receiving testimony from Senators Abraham; Representative Nick Smith; Mary Ann Keffe, Acting Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, and Lon Hatamiya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; David R. Johnson, Michigan Department of Community Health, Lansing; Thomas W. Schimm, Bay City, Michigan; and Susan Doneth, Marshall, Michigan.

NEUROLOGICAL AND COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine progress reports on research with regard to neurological and communication disorders, after receiving testimony from Geraldine Fox, National Organization for Hearing Research, Narberth, Pennsylvania; Josef Miller, Kresge Hearing Research Institute, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Christopher Reeve, West Chester, New York; and Caitlin Parton, New York, New York.

APPROPRIATIONS—LOC/GPO/GAO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, Government Printing Office; James F. Hinchman, Acting Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; and former Representative Bill Orton and Janet S. Zagorin, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, New York, New York, both on behalf of the Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, June 10.

GENDER INTEGRATED BASIC TRAINING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings to examine the extent to which military services have integrated men and women in basic training services and the effect this has on their performance, after receiving testimony from Gen. William W. Hartzog, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command; Vice Adm. Patricia A. Tracey, USN, Chief of Naval Education and Training; Lt. Gen. Paul K. Van Riper, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; Gen. Lloyd W. Newton, USAF, Commander, Air Education and Training Command; Staff Sgt. Mary M. Wilson, USMC; Sgt. First Class Allison Smith, USA;

Staff Sgt. John F. McNeirney, USA; Senior Master Sgt. Harry E. Creacy, Jr., USAF (Ret.); Donna Carson, Woodbridge, Virginia; and Michelle Danko, Newport News, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 621, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and transfer residual regulatory authority from the Securities and Exchange Commission to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and State public service commissions, with an amendment; and

The nominations of James A. Harmon, of New York, to be President, and Jackie M. Clegg, of Utah, to be First Vice President, both of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

CHINA-UNITED STATES TRADE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine emerging trade issues in China, focusing on United States-China trade imbalances and China's restrictive trade practices and the renewal of China's Most-Favored-Nation status, receiving testimony from Henry Kissinger, New York, New York, former National Security Advisor and Secretary of State.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 797, to authorize the design and construction of additions to the parking garage and certain site improvements at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.;

S. 289, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior Road and Huron Road in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse";

S. 347, to designate the Federal building located at 100 Alabama Street NW, in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "Sam Nunn Federal Center";

S. 478, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse";

S. 628, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of 7th Street and East Jackson Street in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Reynaldo G. Garza United States Courthouse";

S. 681, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Northeast

First Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "David W. Dyer Federal Courthouse";

S. 715, to redesignate the Dublin Federal Courthouse building located in Dublin, Georgia, as the "J. Roy Rowland Federal Courthouse";

S. 819, to designate the United States courthouse at 200 South Washington Street in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Martin V.B. Bostetter, Jr. United States Courthouse"; and

The nominations of Brig. Gen. Robert Bernard Flowers, USA, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, and Michael J. Armstrong, of Colorado, to be an Associate Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

SMALL BUSINESS TAXATION

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight held hearings on S. 460, to increase the deduction for health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to provide clarification for the deductibility of expenses incurred by a taxpayer in connection with the business use of the home, and to clarify the standards used for determining that certain individuals are not employees, and S. 570, to exempt certain small businesses from the mandatory electronic fund transfer system, receiving testimony from Senators Bond and Snowe; Donald C. Lubick, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy; Stephen Kenda, KENDA Systems, Inc., Salem, New Hampshire; Randy Mason, Mason Mechanical Laboratories, Inc., Salem, Virginia; Susan Thomas, Best of Service and Sales International, Annandale, Virginia, on behalf of the National Association for the Self-Employed; Debbi-Jo Horton, DJ Horton & Associates, East Providence, Rhode Island; John Satagaj, Small Business Legislative Counsel, and Deborah Walker, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, both of Washington, D.C.; and Frederick S. Oyer, International Piping Systems, Inc., Schiller Park, Illinois, on behalf of the Mechanical/Electrical/Sheet Metal Alliance.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

RUSSIAN WEAPONS PROLIFERATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine cases of Russian weapons proliferation, focusing on Russia's exports of weapons of mass destruction components and technologies and missile delivery systems to certain countries, including Iran, Iraq, and India, after receiving testimony from Robert J. Einhorn, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation/Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; William C. Potter, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California; and Richard H. Speier, McLean, Virginia.

ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Aging concluded hearings to examine challenges for treating Alzheimer's disease, focusing on biomedical research options, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Zaven S. Khachaturian, Potomac, Maryland, on behalf of the Alzheimers' Association; Ronald and Nancy Reagan Research Institute; Allen D. Roses, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina; Sam Sisodia, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland; Stephen Gracon, Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis, Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Eric B. Larson, University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle.

CHILD BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings to examine the status of medical and scientific findings into prenatal and postnatal brain development and implications that federal policies have on childhood development, after receiving testimony from Harry Chugani, Children's Hospital of Michigan/Wayne State University, Detroit; Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland; Anthony DeCasper, University of North Carolina, Greensboro; Diane Fisher, Kensington, Maryland, on behalf of the Independent Women's Forum; Carlie Sorensen Dixon, Lawyers at Home and Mothers First, Arlington, Virginia; and Edward Zigler, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action**Bills Introduced:**

30 public bills, H.R. 1795-1824; 1 private bill, H.R. 1825; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 92-94, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 162, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 105-120); and

H.J. Res. 54, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States (H. Rept. 105-121).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Steve Kummernuss of Doylestown, Ohio.

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Foreign Relations Authorization Act: The House resumed consideration of amendments to H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

The House completed all debate and began consideration of amendments on Wednesday, June 4.

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Agreed To:

The Smith of New Jersey amendment that prohibits population planning assistance to any foreign organization until the organization certifies that it will not perform abortions in any foreign country except where the life of the mother would be endangered or in cases of rape or incest and certifies that it will not engage in any activity to alter the laws or policies of any foreign country concerning the circumstances under which abortion is permitted, regulated, or prohibited; and prohibits any funds to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) unless the President certifies that UNFPA has terminated all activities in the People's Republic of China or during the 12 months preceding such certification there have been no coerced abortions associated with the family planning policies of the People's Republic of China (agreed to by recorded vote of 232 ayes to 189 noes Roll No. 168); and

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The Brown of Florida amendment that expresses the sense of Congress relating to the rights of prisoners, timely legal procedures, and international standards of due process in the Andean countries of Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Colombia, and Venezuela;

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Rejected:

The Campbell amendment to the Smith of New Jersey amendment that sought to prohibit the use of population planning assistance for abortions in any